

# Q1-2023 Ophthalmology Update

## Market Update



The ophthalmology sector experienced a slight slowdown in deal activity in the first quarter of 2022. Tight lending markets and more expensive debt has led to a more targeted M&A approach for most strategics buyers in the space, as they focus on opportunities where there is significant value creation and synergy potential. While we've observed much more variability in valuations industry-wide, practices with scale continue to attract premium multiples and seller-friendly business terms. Provident expects market conditions to persist for the next few months and improve in the second half of the year as debt markets settle down. We're expecting many PE-backed platforms that have paused their own processes to relaunch in the back half of the year, which will drive significant M&A activity in the third and fourth quarter.

#### Select Transactions:

Month	Acquirer	Target	Target – Number of:		
			Locations	Providers	State(s)
March	ASCEND VISI ON PARTNERS	WINTER PARK OPITILAIMOLOGY	1	1	FL
March		Hadnes Valley by Associates	1	4	NY
March	<b>UNIFEYE</b> VISION PARTNERS	Premier	1	14	CA
March		Retina Consultants of Bronxville, NY	1	2	NY
March	OPTOMETRIC MANAGEMENT GROUP	HOCKING EYE CARE	3	9	ОН
February	ASCEND VISI ON PARTNERS		1	2	FL
February		Bausch Eye Associates	1	2	PA
February	SUNVERA	CASTLEMAN	2	2	MI
January	SUNVERA	CATARACT & LASER CENTER	1	4	PA
January	EYE <b>CARE</b> PARTNERS	Retinal Associates of Oklahoma	1	2	ОК
January		Retina Group of New England Specialists in Retinal and Macular Diseases	4	3	СТ

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# **Upcoming Conference**

Members of the Provident Healthcare Partners ophthalmology coverage team will be attending the ASCRS conference in May 2023